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Anniversary Week at Orono.

The commencement exercises of the Maine State College occurred last week, commencing on Saturday evening with the Sophomore prize declamation, and ending on Thursday with the exercises of the graduating class. Notwithstanding the fact that the weather was rainy and disagreeable throughout, the occasion was one of much interest, the attendance being very much larger than on any previous occasion of a similar nature. Among the prominent gentlemen in attendance were His Excellency, Gov. Dixley, Hon. J. Wadsworth, President of the College, Prof. W. S. Clarke, President of the Agricultural College, H. Warren, President, State Superintendent of Schools, Prof. W. O. Atwater of Middlebury University, Messrs. Buffum, Williamson, Warren, Perkins and Richards of the Executive Council, and several members of the Board of Trustees of the Institution. We give below an account of the several features and incidents of anniversary week, and also publish as a matter of interest to the friends of the college, several of the graduation parts given by the students, to which we invite careful attention.

Sophomore Prize Declamation.

The prize declamation of the Sophomore class, took place on Saturday evening to a good audience. Fourteen members of the class took part in the exercises, and as they were interspersed with music by Andrews' Bangor Orchestra, a pleasant evening was enjoyed by all in attendance. The prize was subsequently awarded to Mr. E. F. Danforth of Norridgewock.

President Allen's Baccalaureate.

On Sunday evening Rev. Dr. Allen, President of the College, delivered his Baccalaureate discourse, founded on the words: "The life is more than meat, and the body is more than raiment." The truth of the grand principle enunciated in the discourse and the illustrations employed were clearly unfolded by the speaker; the materialistic tendencies of the age being denounced and the superior value of spiritual interests urged in place of it. Those studies that best enable and refine the soul, fill it with brighter, better, more enlarged thoughts; make it more capable to enjoy—these are the appropriate aims to fit for the higher life. He spoke of the new education, which is not a dwarfed, one-sided professional training, but a broad, liberal and practical culture; not intended alone to make a man a more successful farmer or artisan, but to make him an educated man! The peculiarities of our various national life were discussed, and an earnest call made to the higher, better life which is more than food or rainfall. He concluded as follows:

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